

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) MMFT (MFTH/MFTT)
 State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

We would like to make two changes to our admissions requirements.

- 1) Due to COVID, we waived the GRE for the 2020 and 2021 incoming classes. However, we are one of the last programs at ACU to still require the GRE. Across the nation, many programs are dropping the GRE as they find that GPA is a better predictor of academic performance. We have not noticed a difference in cohort composition or student performance since waiving the GRE, but have noticed an increase in applicants. As such, we would like to no longer require the GRE.
- 2) We would like to remove "a quality of life that reflects high moral standards" as an admissions requirement. Although this used to be a licensure requirement, it was removed in 2019. This requirement is ambiguous with no clear definition of "high moral standard." Faculty have never invoked to requirement to deny admission. Other mechanisms are in place, such as the interview, to deny admission to applicants who are not a good fit.

See attached modified admission's criteria.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

		COUNCIL ³						
		Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD
Change to a Course								
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A		I		I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A		I		I
3.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A		I		A
4.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A		A		A
5.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I		I		I
6.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A		A		A
7.	Prerequisites	A	A	A		I		I
8.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A		--		A
9.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A		A		A
10.	Cross list with another department: U or G level	A	A	A		A		A
11.	Department of record	A	A	A		A		A
12.	Open or close a course	A	A	A		A		A
13.	New course — See website for application and process. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A		A		A

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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	Change to a Degree Plan	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
8.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
9.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A	I				I	--	I	--
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
13.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
14.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
16.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
17.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--

COUNCIL ³										
	Provost-Proposed Change	Provost	Department	Dean	TEC	UUAC	Graduate	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	Major/Graduate Program – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I
2.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			--	A	--
3.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I

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	Change to the Catalog Information	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees ⁷	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
5.	Other academic policy changes	--	--	--		A		A	--	A

¹ Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

² The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost's recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

³ All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

⁴ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

⁵ Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

⁷ The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the enumerated items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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General Education Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Undergraduate Academic Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Graduate Council	
Chair's signature	Approval date

Provost	
Signature	Approval date

Faculty	
Chair of faculty senate	Approval date

President	
Signature	Approval date

Admission to the program is on a competitive basis. The admission requirements for the MMFT are:

1. A completed application for admission with a nonrefundable application fee;
2. An official transcript(s) in English (or translated to English) of all previous colleges attended. The transcript must indicate an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or equivalent;
3. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
4. ~~A minimum GRE score of 280~~
5. Three letters of recommendation;
6. A written purpose statement declaring why the applicant wishes to study marriage and family therapy at ACU and what he or she plans to do professionally upon graduation;
7. Completion of a psychosocial history;
8. ~~A quality of life that reflects high moral standards;~~
9. Interview with faculty.

